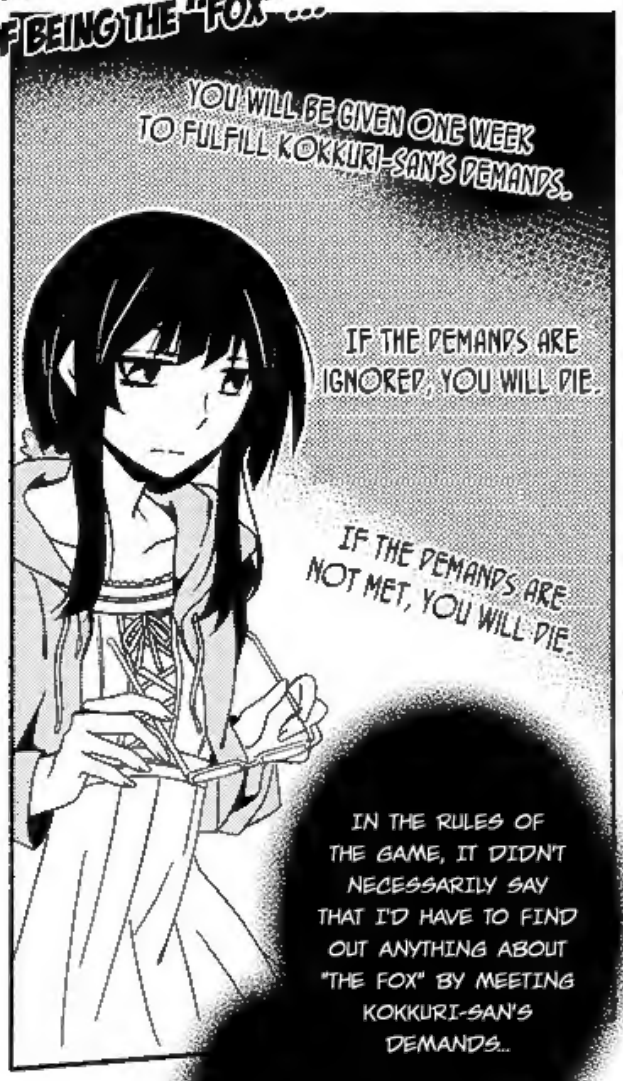
D-NE, AFTER B-KO ACCUSED HER OF BEING THE "FOX"...


YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE WEEK TO FULFILL KOKKURI-SAN'S DEMANDS.
IF THE DEMANDS ARE IGNORED, YOU WILL DIE.
IF THE DEMANDS ARE NOT MET, YOU WILL DIE.
IN THE RULES OF THE GAME, IT DIDN'T NECESSARILY SAY THAT I'D HAVE TO FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT "THE FOX" BY MEETING KOKKURI-SAN'S DEMANDS...
BUT...

I FEEL THAT IF I DO THIS, IT'LL BRING ME A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE TRUTH BEHIND THE "BOOKMARK OF DEMISE".

I AM NOT THE TRAITOR...!

One-Man Hide and Seek

— Author: D-ne —

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Chapter 16 Secret anD Seek Part 4

IN THE "LETTER," IT WAS WRITTEN THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE URBAN LEGEND CALLED "ONE-MAN HIDE AND SEEK" WAS ME.

A-YA-SAN HAD SAID THAT IT WAS A FORM OF NECRO-MANCY...
...!
GULP...
IT'S OKAY...
I'LL PROVE IT... TO EVERY-ONE...
AND TO B-KO.
THUD
ビクッ
SHOCK
...!!

RI...
RIRIKA...?
LIMP...
...AH...
SHUDDER

...I COULDN'T FIND HER BEFORE NO MATTER HOW MUCH I SEARCHED, AND YET...
IT'S LIKE SHE WAS PUT HERE JUST FOR THIS PURPOSE...
THUMP...

RIRIKA...
ALTHOUGH MY EMOTIONS HAD BEEN PECULIAR AS A CHILD, I HAD CERTAINLY CONSIDERED RIRIKA A FRIEND BACK THEN.
I HAD LOVED HER, AND WANTED TO BECOME CLOSE TO HER.

...THAT WAS WHY, WHEN I REMEMBERED HOW MUCH WE USED TO TALK, AND WHAT GOOD FRIENDS WE HAD BEEN...
SIP...

MY CHEST ACHED AT THE THOUGHT OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD SOON HAVE TO DO TO HER...
CREAK...
NO ONE'S HERE...
I'LL USE YOU, RIRIKA.

"ONE-MAN HIDE AND SEEK."
FIRSTLY, PREPARE A STUFFED TOY OR DOLL WITH LIMBS.
NEXT, PREPARE THE RICE, SALT WATER...
A SEWING NEEDLE, RED THREAD...
A PAIR OF SCISSORS, AND A CUTTER KNIFE.

DAZED...
SORRY ABOUT THIS...
FREEZE...
O.
SNAP!!

SHUDDER.
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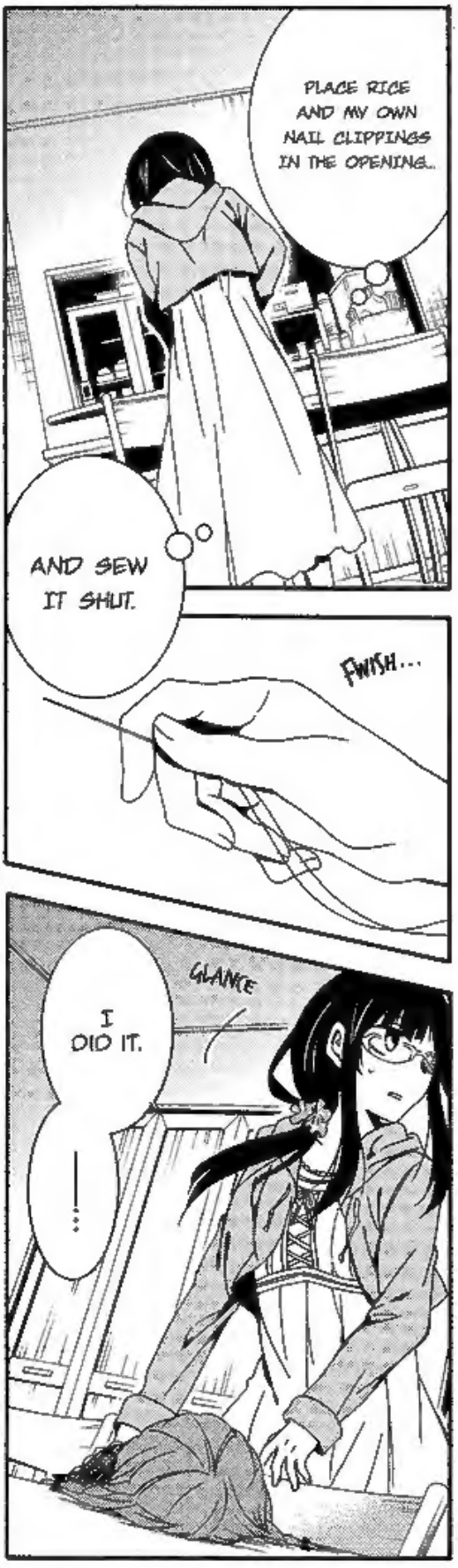
THEY ALMOST... LOOK LIKE BLOOD VESSELS...


PLACE RICE AND MY OWN NAIL CLIPPINGS IN THE OPENING...
AND SEW IT SHUT.
FWISH...
GLANCE
I DID IT.
...!

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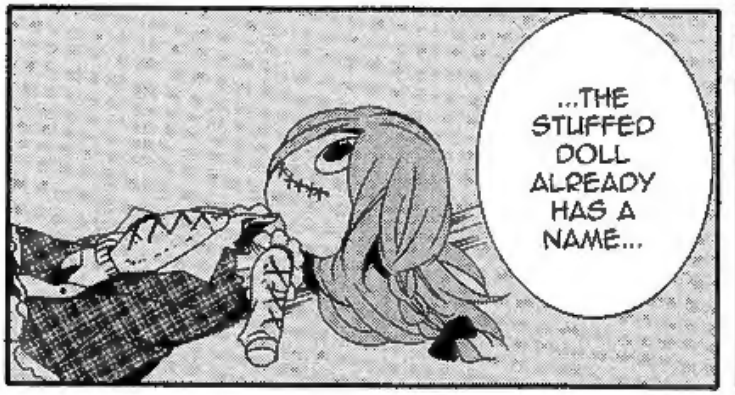
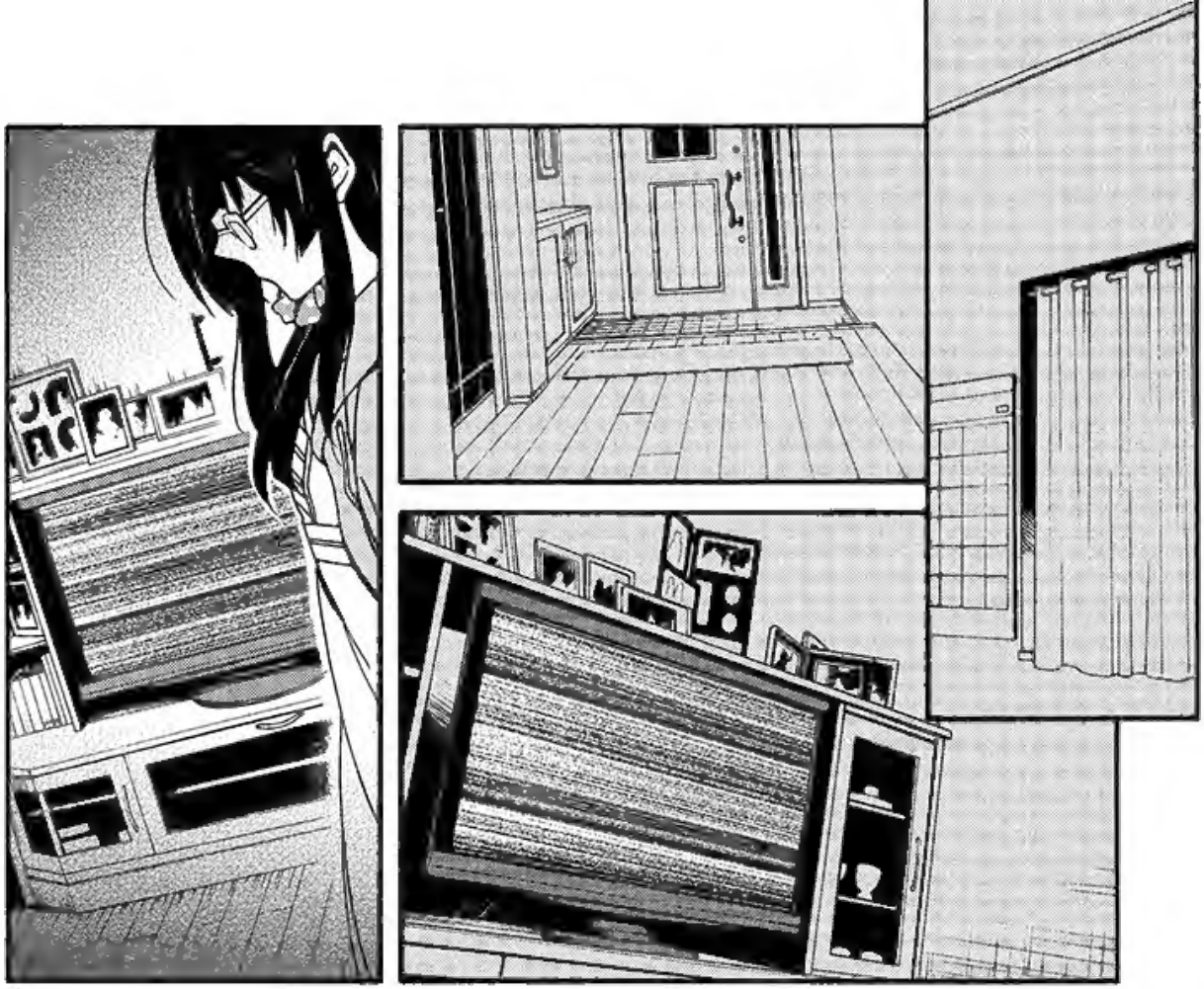
CLUNK


...THE STUFFED DOLL ALREADY HAS A NAME...

NEXT, MY HIDING PLACE...
I PLACED THE CUP OF SALT WATER INSIDE THE CLOSET IN MY PARENT'S ROOM.

SIGH...
...LET'S BEGIN.



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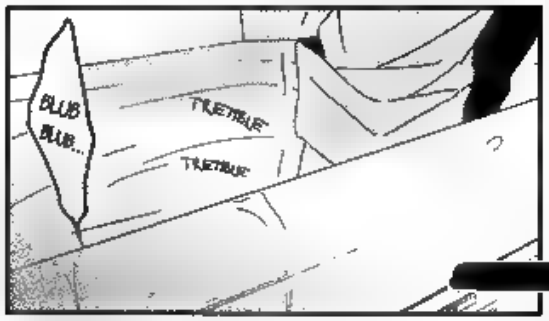

NEXT...
OOONE...
TWOOO, THREEE...
FOOOUR, FIIIVE...
SIIIX, SEEEVEN..
...I FEEL SICK...
WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I FEELS LIKE SOMEONE IS RIGHT BEHIND ME.
AND AS I COUNT IT FEELS LIKE THEY KEEP COMING EVEN CLOSER
EIIIGHT, NIIINE...
.....TEN.
AROUND MY ARMS
MY FEET
MY NECK
FEAR ENVELOPES ME.

CLATTER
ARE YOU READY?
SPLASH!!

14 *Also the sound when someone is bearing up

*SFX "SQUISHY STABBING"

hah.
ha.
ha.
ha
LIFTS...
NEXT IS RIRIKA'S TURN TO BE IT.
NEXT IS RIRIKA'S TURN TO BE IT.
hah
DRIP.
DRIP.
NEXT IS RIRIKA'S TURN TO BE IT....!!

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THAT BROADCAST FROM WHEN WE DID KOKKURI-SAN...
IT'S STILL POSSIBLE THAT IT WAS JUST A PRANK, BUT...
THE HANGED GIRL...
RIRIKA...
COULD IT BE...

COULD IT BE THAT... THE IDENTITY OF THE "FOX" IS....?
CREAK...

SHUDDER

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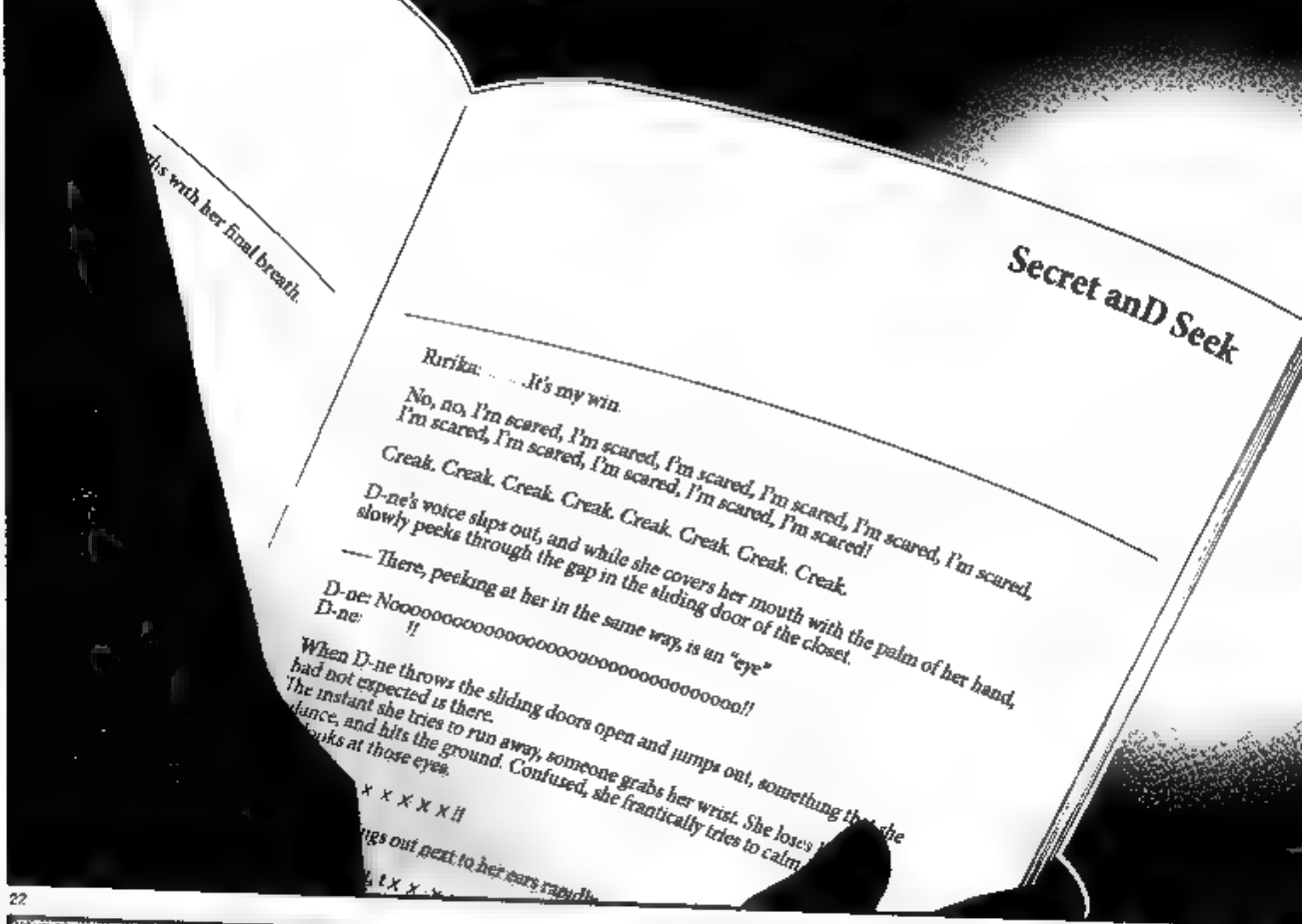
CREAK
BUT NO ONE SHOULD BE IN THE CORRIDOR... SO WHY?!
...IT'S COMING CLOSER...
CREAK...
COULD IT BE... THAT RIRIKA IS...?!
DRAG...
I CAN HEAR FOOT-STEPS.
CREAK...
THUMP...

NO! I'M SCARED I'M SCARED I'M SCARED I'M SCARED!!
...IT'S MY WIN.
CREAK!!!
NO!

ENOUGH.

THERE'S NO POINT IN DOING THE SAME STORY OVER AGAIN.


Secret anD Seek
Rurika: ... It's my win.
No, no, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared, I'm scared!
Creak. Creak. Creak. Creak. Creak. Creak. Creak. Creak.
D-ne's voice slips out, and while she covers her mouth with the palm of her hand, slowly peeks through the gap in the sliding door of the closet.
— There, peeking at her in the same way, is an "eye"
D-ne: Nooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!
D-ne: !!
When D-ne throws the sliding doors open and jumps out, something that she had not expected is there.
The instant she tries to run away, someone grabs her wrist. She loses
dance, and hits the ground. Confused, she frantically tries to calm
looks at those eyes.
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gs out next to her ears rapidly.
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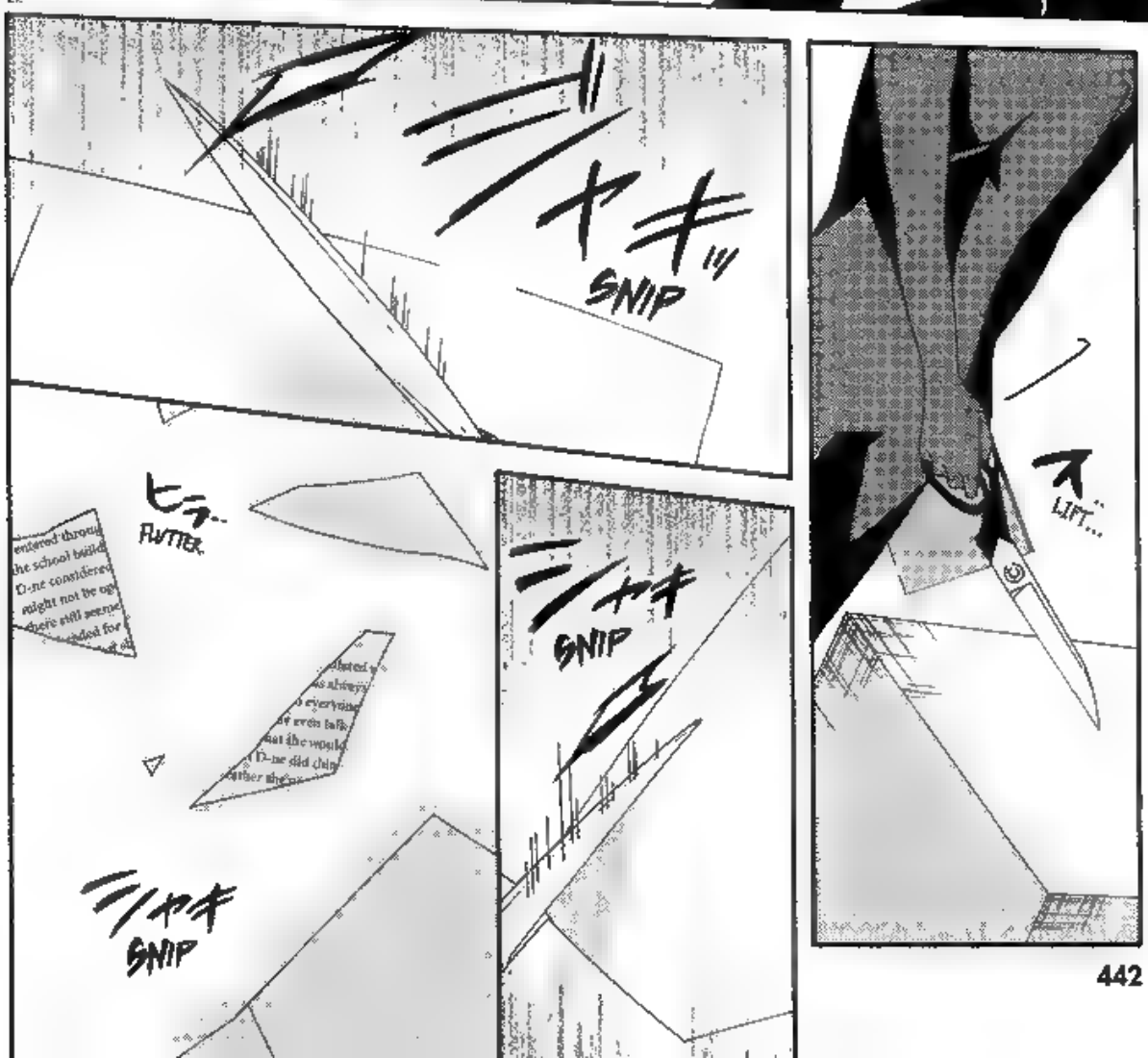
SNIP
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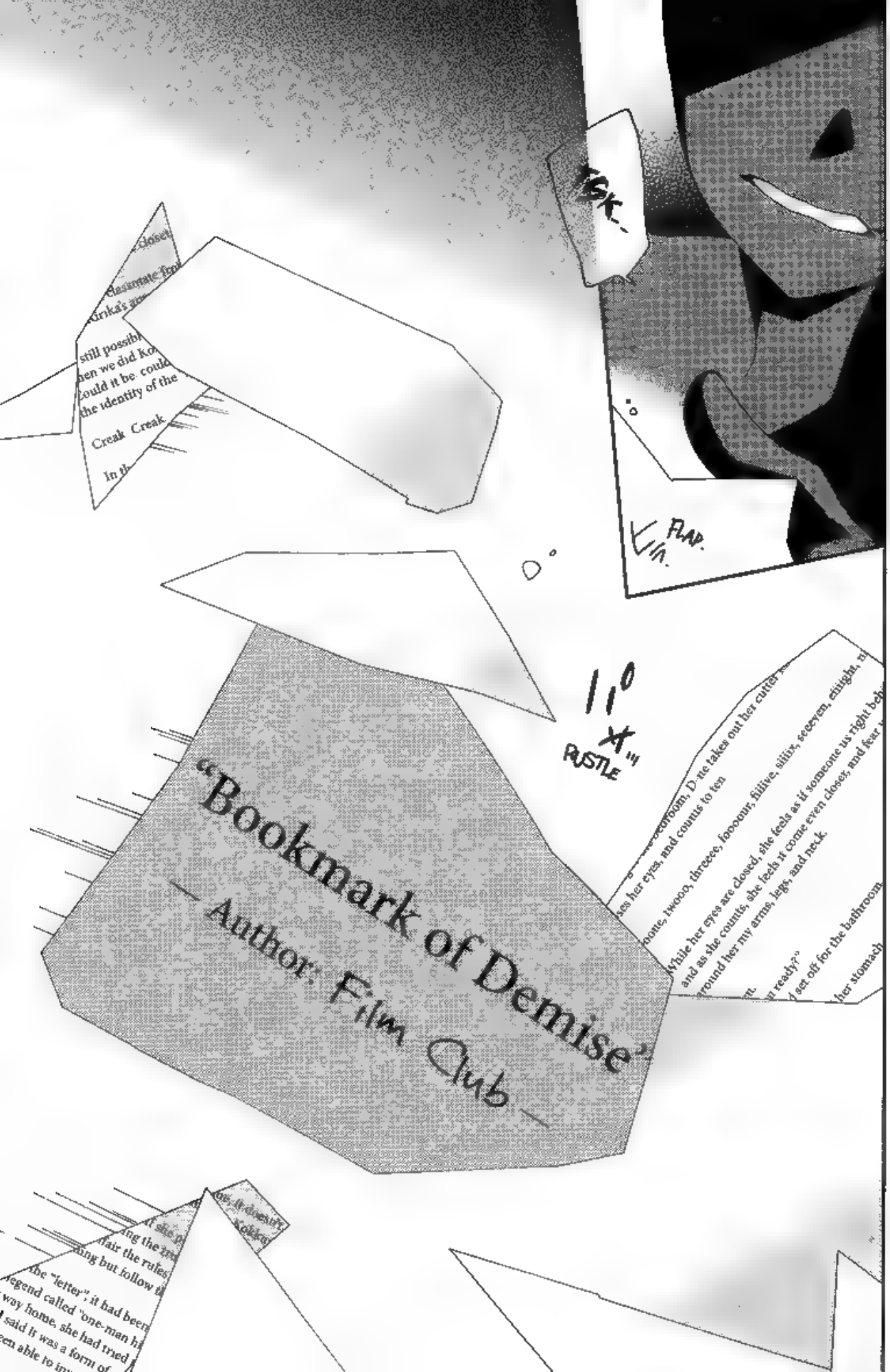
SNIP
FLUTTER
LIFT...


TSK.
FLAP.
RUSTLE
"Bookmark of Demise"
— Author: Film Club —

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UGHH....
WHERE IS THAT KID?
STEP
STEP
Ah, sensei
IN THE CLASS-ROOM?
rustle

2-2
Shuu
E-KI
AH, THERE YOU ARE!
ナル
CLA
TTER
ラッ

THE STORY FROM THE PAST THAT STARTED IT ALL!!
YO.
TO BE CONTINUED

Alright since the second novel appears to be a completely aborted arc in the manga (which is a shame since I quite liked the character interactions in it), here's a summary of all the main arcs in the novel.

Spoilers ahoy, if you don't want to read then skip the next page

— Sen (TS)

I really recommend reading the novels since I didn't cover every single little detail. Here's an easy link: **http://bit.ly/shuuennovel2**

D-ne: Hide and Seek Alone; Covered in the manga

C-ta: Doppelganger;

- Like B-ko, obvious shenanigans with the Doppelganger.
- Sees himself in his stalker feed and runs to A-ya's house (to save A-ya of course).
- ~~Breaks~~ Lets himself into A-ya's house with a spare key.
- Finds a convenient box cutter in the house.
- Enters A-ya's room but it is empty...
- Dies there after someone else eventually enters the room.
- Last words - "X X I th X X ght, t X X X X X w X s X o X."

B-ko: Mearry-san;

- The person she was meeting up with was A-ya after she called him for help.
- They decide to split up and check out different libraries for info about the past murders.
- Angry B-ko at D-ne scene.
- Looks at newspaper D-ne was looking at:
  Four Students from the Film Club Die of Unnatural Causes.
  An Accident During School Club Activities? Evidence May Show Possibility of Murder.
- Attempts to call A-ya about what she found but there's no service so she runs to meet A-ya....she dies.
- Last words - "A X I th X X ght, t X e X X X w X s X o X."

A-ya is more complicated because you find out what happened to everyone else judging from things that happened in his chapter

- After meeting with B-ko he heads off to the school library (the first library that D-ne went to, so yes he was that shadowy figure in Chapter 15, pg 15), and finds a news articles that claims "**4 students dead, *1 in critical condition***" ~~(this goes against Knox's 1st!!!)~~.
- Attempts to call B-ko about this but...it doesn't work and he realizes his error in splitting up.
- Finds the Book of Demise + letter and obtains the monkey paw
- Gets a call from bewildered D-ne who tells him that B-ko attacked her and believes she, herself is the traitor because of this and hangs up...
- A-ya then texts C-ta to meet him in front of his house and rushes back home.
- C-ta is not at the front of his hourse and the door is unlocked *coughs* big warning sirens right here. *coughs*
- A-ya enters his room and...C-ta attacks him and accuses him of being the traitor ["As I thought, the fox was you!"]. As for what happens next...I pasted it below.

——For a while, I remained in a daze, in the middle of that room that had been dyed bright red, covered in tears, vomit, and all sorts of body fluids as I wept. In my hand, I gripped a pair of scissors that were the same color as the room, and C-ta, who I'd been together with ever since I was young, lay asleep in front of me.

Thus concludes A-ya's arc...

I didn't mention it but B-ko and C-ta did find the Book of Demise + letter in their story but like with D-ne it disappeared rather quickly. Also I'd like to note that, to the very end A-ya never used the monkey paw he got.

If you're still confused about what happened, the next chapter confirms everything clearly as well as contains some other stuff that is hard to explain.....
You can read it here if you'd like: **http://bit.ly/demise-heroes**

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